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INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 19th May, 2025

No.ECF. 649548/25.- In exercise of the powers conferred, the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the "Assam Electronics Components Manufacturing Top-Up Scheme, 2025." This Scheme, which provides additional provisions and incentives over and above those available under the Government of India's Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme, shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and will remain effective for a period of five (5) years.

RAVI KOTA,
Chief Secretary, Assam.

1. Introduction

In order to promote investments in the electronics components manufacturing sector in Assam, the Governor of Assam is pleased to introduce the **Assam Electronics Components Manufacturing Top-Up Scheme, 2025** (hereinafter “the Scheme”). This Scheme aims to supplement the incentives provided under the Government of India’s Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme by offering additional State support, thereby making Assam an attractive destination for electronics component manufacturers.

2. Objective and Scope

The objective of the Scheme is to develop a robust electronics components manufacturing ecosystem in Assam by attracting domestic and global investors across key component segments. By providing top-up financial incentives and tax reimbursements, the Scheme seeks to enhance the viability of projects approved under the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)’s electronics components manufacturing initiatives. The focus is on boosting domestic value addition, generating employment and integrating Assam with global electronics supply chains.

Scope: The Scheme shall cover all units engaged in manufacturing of eligible electronics components and sub-assemblies as defined under MeitY’s Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (e.g. display modules, camera modules, passive components, electro-mechanicals, PCBs, battery cells, enclosures, etc.), that establish their facilities in Assam and meet the eligibility criteria outlined below.

3. Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility conditions for availing benefits under this Scheme are as follows:

- 3.1. Eligible Projects:** The unit must be engaged in the manufacture of electronic components or sub-assemblies falling under the target segments defined by MeitY’s Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (for example, Display Module Sub-assembly, Camera Module Sub-assembly, Non-SMD Passive Components, Electro-mechanical Components, Multi-layer PCBs, Li-ion Cells (digital applications), Enclosures for IT/Mobile products, HDI/Flexible PCBs, SMD Passive Components, or other approved components in the electronics supply chain).
- 3.2. Approval under Central Scheme:** The applicant must have applied and been approved as an eligible beneficiary under the Government of India’s electronics components manufacturing incentive scheme (as notified by MeitY). Proof of selection or approval under the central scheme must be furnished. In case an applicant has applied to the central scheme and is awaiting approval, the State may consider a provisional approval for the State incentive, to be confirmed upon the applicant’s selection for the central incentive.

- 3.3.** Location and Incorporation: The unit must be incorporated/registered as a company or LLP in India. The manufacturing facility for which incentives are sought must be established within the state of Assam. New Greenfield projects are eligible. Expansion or diversification of existing units in Assam (Brownfield projects) into the eligible product categories may also be considered, provided it results in new production lines and meets the other criteria.
- 3.4.** Investment and Employment Thresholds: The unit should fulfill any minimum investment and employment generation thresholds as prescribed under the central scheme for the respective category. (No additional state-specific thresholds are mandated; the thresholds as per the Government of India's scheme shall suffice for State eligibility as well.) The State may, however, give preference to projects with larger investment size or higher employment generation when evaluating applications if needed due to budgetary limits.
- 3.5.** Commencement Timeline: To avail the incentives, the unit must commence commercial production within the timeline stipulated by the central scheme or within 3 years of receiving in-principle approval under this State Scheme, whichever is earlier. Extensions may be granted by the State Empowered Committee (see Governance below) in exceptional circumstances, in tandem with any extension granted under the central scheme.
- 3.6.** Exclusions: Trading units, mere assembly units without any significant manufacturing/value addition, and units solely engaged in final product assembly not falling in the defined components segments are not eligible. The State incentive is intended for component/sub-assembly manufacturers (upstream value chain) rather than finished product OEMs. However, an integrated unit that includes both component manufacturing and final assembly may claim state incentives proportionate to the component manufacturing activity, at the discretion of the Committee.

4. Incentives Offered under the Scheme

Qualified units set up in Assam under this Scheme shall be entitled to the following incentives:

- 4.1.** Top-Up Incentive (60% of Central Incentives): Eligible units approved under MeitY's Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme will receive a state top-up incentive equivalent to 60% of the incentive amount *offered by the Government of India*. This top-up will be provided in the same category (e.g. capital expenditure subsidy or production-linked incentive) as the central incentive for which the unit is qualified.
- For example, if a unit is sanctioned an incentive of ₹100 under the central scheme, it would be eligible for an additional ₹60 from the State. This top-up support from Assam is in addition to and independent of the central incentive and will be disbursed proportionately in line with the central scheme's disbursement milestones.

- 4.2.** SGST Reimbursement (10-Year Tenure): Eligible manufacturing units shall be entitled to a reimbursement of 100% of the State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) paid in Assam on the sale of their finished products. This reimbursement will be available for a period of ten (10) years from the date of commencement of commercial production. The reimbursement will be processed on an annual basis (financial year) against proof of SGST deposited and will be subject to maximum limits (if any) specified in the detailed Scheme guidelines.
- 4.3.** Land Allotment Support: The State Government through Industrial Development Corporations will provide land at a 100% subsidised rate, effectively offering land free of cost, to eligible industrial units under the scheme. This support will be extended within designated industrial parks or notified industrial zones, subject to availability. Beneficiaries must meet specified eligibility criteria and adhere to investment and employment commitments as per the scheme.

Units availing this benefit must remain in operation in Assam for the entire entitlement period; any unit exiting or relocating out of the state earlier will forfeit future SGST reimbursement and may be liable to refund the availed benefits as per conditions in the detailed guidelines.

No other state levy concessions: Apart from the above, units may separately avail incentives under any existing Assam industrial policies (such as power tariff subsidies, customised incentives etc.) as applicable. However, benefits under the present Scheme are focused on the above three financial incentives to supplement the central scheme.

5. Application Procedure

A transparent application process will be followed. Key steps are:

- 5.1.** Filing of Application: Eligible investors shall submit an application to the Nodal Agency designated by the Government of Assam in the prescribed form. The application may be submitted online on the State single-window portal or offline at the offices of the Nodal Agency. The application should include the project proposal, details of the manufacturing unit, products to be made, investment and employment projections, and proof of application/approval under the MeitY scheme (such as a copy of the acknowledgement or approval letter from MeitY).
- 5.2.** Application Window: Applications under this Scheme shall be accepted concurrently with the timeline of the central scheme. The initial window for submissions will open from the date of this notification and remain open throughout the validity of the central Government's scheme. The State reserves the right to announce specific application cycles or deadlines corresponding to central scheme tranches or based on the response and available state budget.
- 5.3.** Evaluation and Approval: The Nodal Agency will conduct a preliminary scrutiny to verify basic eligibility and documentation. Thereafter, the

application will be forwarded to the Scheme's Project Management Agency (PMA) for detailed appraisal. The PMA will evaluate the technical and financial viability of the proposal, the alignment with central scheme eligibility and expected benefits to the state (employment, value-addition). The PMA shall then place its recommendations before the State Empowered Committee (SEC) for final approval. The SEC – constituted by the State Government with members from IC&PE, Finance and IT Departments – will make the final decision on granting the incentives under this Scheme to the applicant. Approval orders, specifying the terms of support, will be issued to the applicant upon a positive decision by the SEC.

- 5.4.** Letter of Approval & MoU: Once approved, the State will issue a formal Letter of Approval (LoA) to the unit, outlining the incentives sanctioned (estimated total quantum of top-up support and land support terms) and any conditions. The unit may be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Assam, detailing commitments such as investment, employment, timelines, and compliance with scheme terms, as well as the State's incentive disbursement commitments.

6. Incentive Disbursement Mechanism

The disbursement of the approved incentives will be linked to the realisation of investment, production, and other performance milestones, in alignment with the central scheme's processes:

- 6.1.** Top-Up Incentive Disbursement: The 60% top-up incentive from the State will be disbursed proportionately and subsequent to the disbursement of the central incentive. For example, in the case of a production-linked incentive (PLI) on turnover under the central scheme, the unit shall first claim and receive the incentive from Government of India for a given period (say a financial year); upon submission of proof of that disbursement and relevant performance documents (e.g. audited sales figures) to the State Nodal Agency, the State will release the corresponding top-up amount (which is 60% of the central PLI received for that period). Similarly, for capital expenditure-based incentives, the State will disburse 60% of the amount disbursed by the Centre, after verifying that the assets have been installed and production has commenced. Disbursements will be made on an annual or milestone basis, mirroring the central scheme (e.g., annually for turnover incentives, or based on project completion stages for capex incentives). All disbursements will be directly transferred to the beneficiary's bank account through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) after due verification.
- 6.2.** SGST Reimbursement Disbursement: To claim SGST reimbursement, the unit shall file an annual claim with the Nodal Agency at the end of each financial year (or quarter, as decided) enclosing GST returns that detail the SGST paid on sales of the manufactured products. The Nodal Agency, in

coordination with the State GST entity, will verify the claims against tax records. Upon verification, 100% of the SGST paid (for the eligible period and products) will be reimbursed to the unit within a targeted timeframe. The first reimbursement claim can be made after one year of operations (or a shorter period as decided by Govt. of Assam) from the start of production. This benefit will continue for up to 10 years for each unit. If the unit has any tax arrears or non-compliance, the reimbursement may be offset or withheld as per GST laws. The detailed procedure for filing SGST incentive claims will be provided in the Scheme guidelines, including required certificates from a Chartered Accountant and an undertaking that the unit has not relocated or diverted sales to claim undue benefit.

- 6.3.** Monitoring of Compliance: Before each disbursement, the PMA/Nodal Agency will ensure that the unit is complying with the Scheme terms — e.g. the unit is operational in Assam, continues to be a beneficiary of the central scheme and has met any ongoing obligations like minimum employment.

7. Governance and Implementation

To effectively implement the Scheme, the following governance structure is established:

- 7.1.** Nodal Department and Agency: The Department of Industries, Commerce & Public Enterprise, Govt. of Assam shall be the Nodal Department for this Scheme. The operational management will be through a dedicated Nodal Agency/Cell - Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) or AMTRON (Assam Electronics Development Corp)) assigned with this responsibility. This Nodal Agency will be the single point of contact for investors, responsible for receiving applications, coordinating appraisals, facilitating clearances and overall hand-holding of the approved projects in the state.
- 7.2.** State Empowered Committee (SEC): A high-level committee, the SEC, is hereby constituted to oversee the Scheme implementation and take key decisions. The SEC will be chaired by the Chief Secretary, Assam and include senior representatives from the Finance Department, ICPE Department, IT Department, and any subject experts co-opted as needed. The SEC will have the authority to approve or reject applications for the Scheme incentives, sanction the release of incentives, approve any significant deviations or policy clarifications, and review the overall progress of the Scheme. The SEC will meet at regular intervals (e.g., quarterly or as required) to consider pending applications and monitor implementation.
- 7.3.** Budgetary Allocation: The Government of Assam shall make a dedicated budget provision under the annual state budget for meeting the obligations of this Scheme. The Finance Department will ensure that sufficient funds are allocated each year based on pipeline of approved units and projected incentive disbursements. The Nodal Department will

prepare annual budget estimates and cash flow requirements for the Scheme to facilitate this.

- 7.4.** Monitoring and Reporting: The Nodal Agency, with support from the PMA, will maintain a dashboard of the progress of all units under the Scheme (investments made, employment generated, incentives disbursed, production achieved, etc.). Quarterly progress reports will be submitted to the SEC and the State Government. A comprehensive annual report on the Scheme's performance shall be prepared. The Scheme implementation and outcomes may be subject to third-party evaluation or audit as deemed necessary by the government to assess its impact and to make improvements.
- 7.5.** Grievance Redressal: Any grievances or difficulties faced by applicant companies under the Scheme will be addressed by the Nodal Agency in a time-bound manner. Unresolved issues can be escalated to the SEC for resolution. The government is committed to ensuring ease of doing business for the beneficiary units.

8. Validity and Tenure of the Scheme

This Scheme comes into effect from the date of its notification. It shall remain in force for new applications for a period of five (5) years or until the closure of the Government of India's Electronics Components Manufacturing incentive scheme – whichever is earlier. The State Government may extend the application period or overall duration of the Scheme based on industry response and availability of funds.

Units approved during the Scheme period will continue to receive the committed incentives for the specified durations (even if disbursements run beyond the scheme application period. No new application will be accepted after the scheme is closed or sunset, unless an extension is formally notified.

The State Government reserves the right to modify amend or terminate the Scheme or any of its provisions with prospective effect, based on a review or changes in central schemes/policies. However, any such change will not affect the incentives already sanctioned to units under this Scheme, which will be honoured as per the approval terms.

9. General Provisions

- 9.1.** Compliance with Laws: Beneficiary units must comply with all applicable laws and regulations (state and central) including environmental and labour laws. Non-compliance may lead to cancellation of benefits. Incentives under this Scheme will be extended only for legitimate manufacturing activities; any misrepresentation or fraudulent claim will invite legal action and recovery of incentives with interest.
- 9.2.** Interpretation: In case of any doubt in interpretation of any provision of this Scheme or in any matter not explicitly covered, the decision of the Government of Assam (Industries/Finance Department) shall be final and binding.

- 9.3.** Operational Guidelines: The Nodal Department shall issue detailed operational guidelines and standard operating procedures for implementation of this Scheme from time to time. Applicants and beneficiaries are required to adhere to such guidelines in addition to this notification.
- 9.4.** Jurisdiction: Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Scheme shall be subject to the jurisdiction of courts/tribunals in Assam.